

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Previously presented) A hydrophilic article exhibiting a water contact angle of < 90° comprising:

a thermoplastic polymer film layer having a first surface and a second surface having an adhesive layer bonded to said second surface, said adhesive layer comprising a nonionic fluorochemical surfactant that migrates to said first surface of said polymeric layer, wherein said thermoplastic polymer layer is initially hydrophobic prior to surfactant migration.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) The hydrophilic article of claim 1 wherein said surfactant is of the formula

$(R_f\text{-}Q)_n\text{-}Z$  wherein

$R_f$  represents a partially- or fully- fluorinated aliphatic group,

Q is an organic divalent or multivalent linking group or a covalent bond,

Z is a hydrophilic poly(oxyalkylene) group and n is 1 to 6.

6. (Original) The hydrophilic article of claim 5 wherein Z comprises a poly(oxyalkylene) of the formula  $(OR')_x$  wherein  $R'$  is an alkylene group of 2 to 4 carbon atoms, and x is a number from 4 to 25.

7. (Original) The hydrophilic article of claim 5 wherein said poly(oxyalkylene) group is terminated by a hydroxyl, an alkyl, alkaryl ether, or fluoroalkyl ether.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled).
11. (Previously presented) The hydrophilic article of claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer comprises at least 3 wt.% of said surfactant.
12. (Previously presented) The hydrophilic article of claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer comprises 5 to 40 wt.% of said surfactant.
13. (Currently amended) The hydrophilic article of claim 1 wherein said polymeric film layer is selected from polyesters, polyurethanes, polyamides and poly(alpha)olefins.
14. (Previously presented) The hydrophilic article of claim 1 wherein said polymeric film layer is selected from homo-, co- and terpolymers of aliphatic mono- alpha olefins.
15. (Previously presented) The hydrophilic article of claim 1 wherein said polymeric film layer is selected from homo-, co- and terpolymers of ethylene and propylene.
16. (Original) The hydrophilic article of claim 1, wherein said adhesive layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer.
17. (Original) The hydrophilic article of claim 1 further comprising a release liner.

18. (Previously presented) The hydrophilic article of claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic polymer film layer is patterned.
19. (Currently amended) The hydrophilic article of claim 1 printed on at least a portion of the hydrophilic first surface with an image pattern of ink.
20. (Original) The hydrophilic article of claim 19 wherein said ink is an aqueous ink.
21. (Cancelled).
22. (Currently amended) A liquid transport article comprising the hydrophilic article of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic polymer film layer comprises a microstructure-bearing surface with a plurality of channels that facilitate the directional flow of a liquid disposed thereon.
23. (Withdrawn-currently amended) A method of preparing a hydrophilic article according to claim 1 comprising coating a thermoplastic polymer film layer with an adhesive layer, said adhesive layer comprising a surfactant that migrates to said first surface of said polymeric layer.
24. (Withdrawn-currently amended) The method of claim 23 wherein said thermoplastic polymer film layer comprises a film, a membrane, or a fibrous polymer layer.
25. (Cancelled).
26. (Cancelled).
27. (Cancelled).
28. (Cancelled).

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein said adhesive layer comprises at least 3 wt.% of said surfactant.

30. (Currently amended) The hydrophilic article of claim 1, wherein the  $T_g$  of the adhesive layer and thermoplastic polymer film layer are at or below 0°C.